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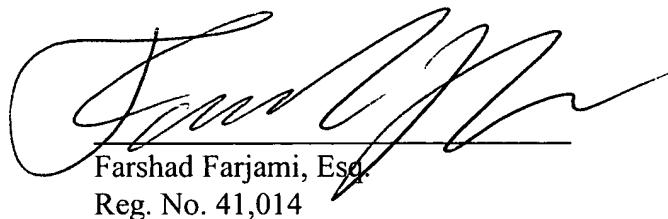
By this amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 13-19. After the present amendment, claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, dated December 24, 2003. Accordingly, applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-12 in the present application. Applicant has cancelled claims 13-19 in the present application solely in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, dated December 24, 2003.

By the present amendment, applicant has also amended claims 1-12 to cure a few clerical and minor matters. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for any comments or discussions regarding the present application.

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